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George Smith, president and CEO of the Telus World of Science, speaks at a press conference at the facility on Wednesday. Story, page 4. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

Whyte Avenue to be home to white pride?

Rival rallies. Blood & Honour march, anti-racism counter-event planned for Edmonton

White supremacists are marching into Edmonton.

For the first time, the group Blood & Honour is holding its white-pride rally here, inviting participants from across Canada to "openly express racial pride."

The event is slated for March 24, according to a stormfront.org blog post.

An organizer first said Edmonton's will replace Cal-

'White pride' marches

- Blog posts about the event point to possible rallies in London and Toronto.
- Blood & Honour's March 24 rally location will be disclosed a day before the march, says an organizer.

gary's march — which has lost steam in recent years — but later told Metro the event status in that city is "complicated."

Anti-Racist Canada plans a counter-rally at noon at End of Steel Park.

Const. Ken Smith with the Edmonton Police Service's

hate-crimes unit said members are prepared for "whatever happens."

Three years ago, the two sides clashed in Calgary and police had to step in.

Smith said EPS has been in "constant communication" with Calgary Police Service.

He wouldn't say how many officers will be present.

Edmonton rally organizers must apply for a permit, but that hasn't happened yet, said Smith, noting the group seems to be organizing here under the radar.

"What they wanted to do is catch the police off guard," he said.

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Grow-op ran on LED lights

Police say "green" grow-op busted in Edmonton is a first

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Bylaw

Lone councillor's vote delays smoking ban in playgrounds

Smoking at playgrounds, sports fields and other areas where children frequent will soon be banned.

But thanks to Coun. Kerry Diotte, such a bylaw does not exist quite yet.

Diotte was the lone holdout in a vote Wednesday for fining offenders \$250 if caught smoking within 10 metres of child-friendly areas.

"Before it was brought forward, I had not had a single person say it was a problem," said Diotte. "I think society has changed to the point where people do not do that."

The proposed by-law, which includes a \$75,000 education campaign to encourage citizens to comply, was supposed to take effect April 1.

Some councilors seemed less than impressed that Diotte blocked third reading, which will likely pass at the next council meeting on April 4.

"I've got to stick to my priorities," said Diotte. "I'm not going to vote for something I think is foolish."

Meanwhile, provincial Liberal leader Raj Sherman introduced a bill in the legislature on Monday that would make it an offense to smoke in vehicles while children are present, a bylaw that exists in a handful of Alberta's municipalities — not including Edmonton.

It passed second reading, but it remains to be seen if third reading will go forward before an election is called.

HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

Botanical Garden. Police seek information after fountain vandalized

A fountain built mainly with fundraised money has been vandalized. St. Albert RCMP are seeking the public's help for information about vandalism between March 3 and March 7 to a large fountain at the St. Albert Botanical Garden area just off Sturgeon Road. A volunteer found the broken fountain, which was purchased in 2006 by the Botanical Garden Society for \$18,000. Anyone with information should call 780-458-7700. METRO



The vandalized fountain. CONTRIBUTED

Testimony. Woman accused of killing kids a good mother: Neighbour

The neighbour of a woman accused of killing her two sons describes her as a good mother.

Allyson McConnell is on trial for second-degree murder in the deaths of 2-1/2-year-old Connor and 10-month-old Jayden in February 2010.

Marless Litzenberger told court Wednesday McConnell was a caring and attentive mother, but around Christmas of 2009, she became stressed and depressed.

McConnell has admitted to drowning the children, but has pleaded not guilty.

The central issue is her state of mind when she did it — she later tried to kill herself by jumping off an overpass in Edmonton.

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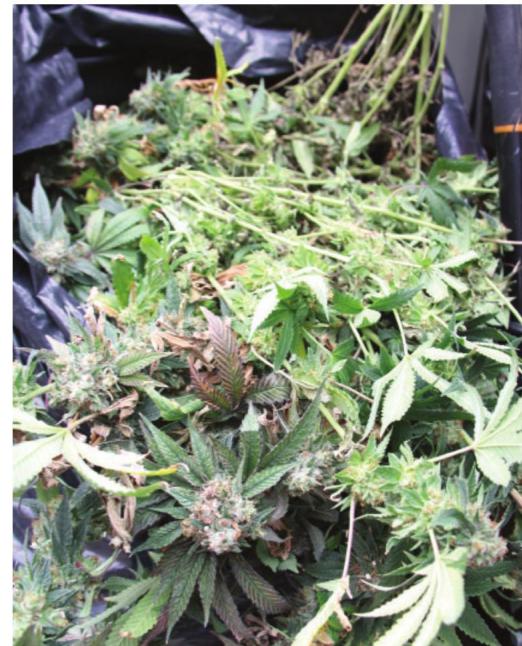
Tube riders in London are getting wired in time for the Olympics with free Wi-Fi in the subway system during the games. Scan (if you're not underground) for the full story.



On the web

Funny talk after 9-11

Arab-Muslim standup comedy is flourishing more than a decade after 9-11, and the comedian who gained notoriety on the "Axis of Evil Comedy Tour" makes it clear he's trying to do more than just lampoon himself or his people for easy laughs. Watch at metronews.ca/video



A marijuana grow-op uncovered in Edmonton last week involved the use of LED lights, as opposed to standard high-intensity discharge light bulbs.

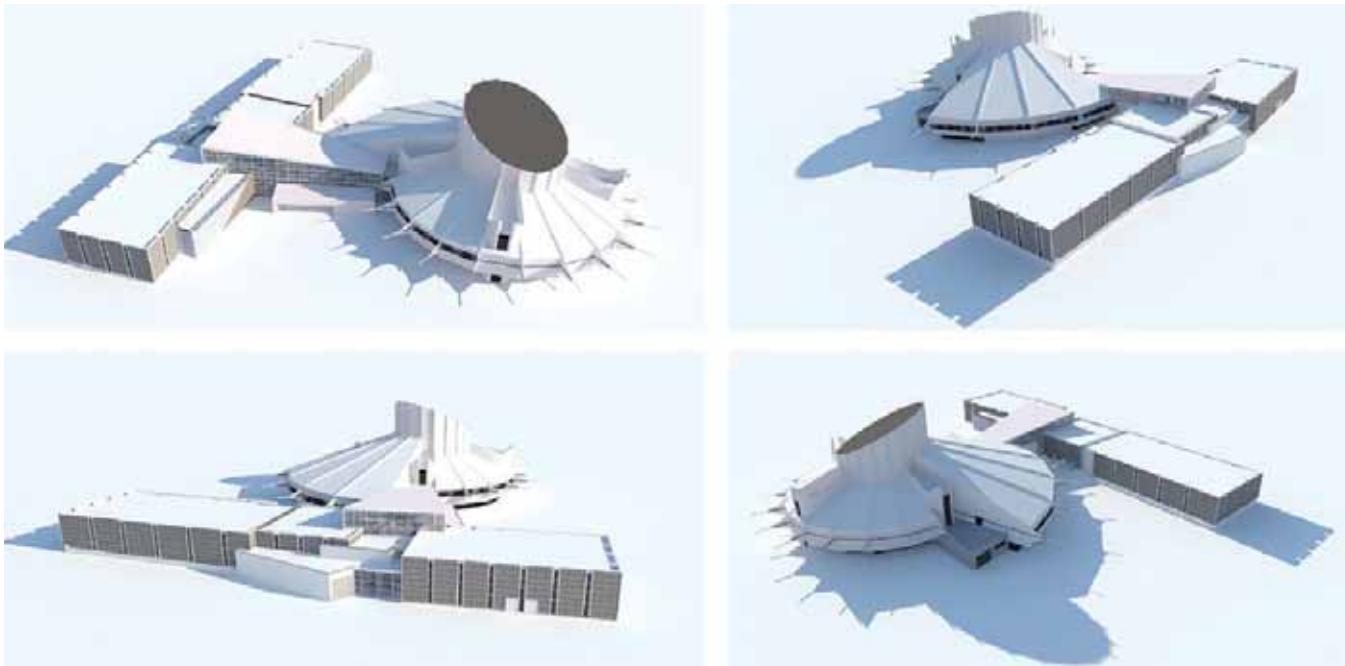
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The 16,000-square-foot addition and connecting walkway of the Telus World of Science, shown in these concept images, was designed by Dialog and will be built by Chando Construction. CONTRIBUTED

Science geeks rejoice: Telus centre gets expansion money

Construction. New gallery will provide much-needed venue to host travelling exhibitions, TWOS says

 **HEATHER MCINTYRE**
heather.mcintyre@metronews.ca

Ground has been broken and funding is in place, and now

the Telus World of Science is dreaming big.

A \$7-million expansion already underway was confirmed on Wednesday, as the province announced \$3 million in funding.

That complements the city's \$3.5 million and the \$500,000 raised by the Edmonton Space & Science Foundation.

The 16,000-square-foot exhibit gallery will be finished in time to host Star Wars Identities in October, for

which nearly 15,000 tickets have been sold.

"We know we could have done it in the same manner as we had done Body Worlds," said George Smith, facility president and CEO.

After four years of trying to convince organizers that the TWOS could accommodate Body Worlds, the science centre welcomed a record crowd of 270,000 people who came to see the 2008 exhibition.

"Being able to have this expanded facility will mean

Phase 1

- Where.** The addition, along with a connecting walkway, is being built on the east side of the existing building just north of the main entrance.
- What.** The new gallery is Phase 1 of the \$285-million Edmonton Space & Science Foundation's Vision 20/20 Master Plan.

so much more for years to come," Smith said.

In fact, because of the expansion moving forward, he has signed two other contracts for exhibitions.

Body Worlds, The Cycle of Life opens on May 25, 2013, and Indiana Jones and the Adventures of Archaeology opens on Nov. 1, 2014.

Premier Alison Redford said she was pleased to announce the funding "to ensure continued excellent work."

Lonesome pine

Brights threaten whitebark pine

A "double-whammy" is threatening to wipe out a tree endangered across North America, a University of Alberta researcher says.

Evan Esch, who is earning his master's in conservation biology, says rising temperatures in cold mountain elevations are ripe conditions for the mountain pine beetle to spread through whitebark pine.

The tree, which can live for up to 1,000 years and provides seeds crucial to animal diets, is also being decimated by white pine blister rust, a fungal infection brought over from Europe a century ago. METRO

Murder trial

Acquit Briscoe, defence argues

Michael Briscoe's lawyer told his first-degree-murder trial Wednesday that charges against the man accused of killing Nina Courtepatte and Ellie May Meyer should be dropped.

The defence argued in a closing statement that Briscoe, 41, was not there the night Meyer was beaten to death in a field in April 2005 by Joseph Laboucan.

The defence said Briscoe's ex-girlfriend lied in her testimony.

Briscoe was present when Courtepatte was raped and killed, but he was not responsible for her death, the defence said.

The Crown has not made closing arguments. METRO

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Tories. Investigation into Mar fundraiser punted back to province

Alberta's ethics commissioner says he can't conduct an investigation into a fundraiser by a failed Tory leadership candidate because it falls into a rare category outside his purview.

Neil Wilkinson says the issue around the Gary Mar event is more one of alleged misconduct of a civil servant rather than his area, which is conflict of interest.

Wilkinson says it's understandable that Premier Alison Redford handed the case to him, because his office has conducted all such investigations involving senior officials.

He has sent the investigation back to the government, where it will be handled by sen-

Allegations

- Last week, Premier Alison Redford suspended Gary Mar from his job as Alberta's trade envoy to Asia after allegations he used his job to raise money to pay off private debts.
- More than 100 supporters reportedly paid \$400 a plate to hear Mar speak about trade opportunities in Asia. A trip to Hong Kong was also auctioned off for \$20,000.

ior civil servant Peter Watson.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Traffic

More than 1,000 caught in crackdown

Edmonton police's one-day crackdown March 6 on lead-footed and distracted drivers yielded 1,454 infractions, EPS said on Wednesday. That included 861 speeding violations. **METRO**

Meals on Wheels

Soup contest looks to stir up interest

Edmonton Meals on Wheels is looking for original soup recipes from teens aged 15 to 19. The recipe deadline is April 30. First prize is a chef-for-a-day stint.

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Warning issued after woman splashed with strange substance



Previous incidents.

Police say attack in Newton may be linked to three others



Police are urging caution after a man allegedly threw an unknown "soapy" substance at a woman in a northeast park and then fled on Sunday evening.

Officers were called after a 19-year-old woman out walking reported a man had come up behind and splashed something on her, near 122 Avenue and 56 Street.

"At this point it doesn't appear to be caustic or harmful, though this last one, it did get into the young lady's eyes and it is an irritant," said Det. Pat Bruni.

The woman was taken to hospital and police have sent the substance for tests. Investigators believe the crime is linked to three sim-

Suspect

- Police are looking for a male suspect believed to be in his late teens to mid-20s and about five foot 10 with a medium build.

- In all four incidents, from noon to 7:30 p.m., police say victims were walking alone or with a dog when a man approached them from behind in the Newton area.

ilar incidents in the Newton area.

"Initially we thought maybe it might have been a prank ... and then the third one came in and then this fourth one, and it obviously needs a bit more attention," said Bruni.

He suggests travelling in groups, sticking to lit paths and carrying a cellphone.

"If something does happen, trust your instincts, your gut, and either run away, yell — whatever you need to do if somebody like this approaches you," said Bruni.



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Guards molested us, three women say

Lawyer's case

"These women were sexually molested at the border and there's no excuse for that."

Thomas Wienner,
U.S. lawyer representing
the women

peatedly and accused her of lying about her reasons for travelling before ordering her to face a wall.

With her arms and legs spread, the officials conducted a search that included putting their hands under her bra and fondling her breasts, as well as grabbing her buttocks and rubbing her genitals, the suit alleges.

She was then taken back to the waiting room, crying and shaking, and told she was "clear to enter the United States."

"By this point, plaintiff was too traumatized to continue on her trip and returned to Canada," court documents say.

In a second, joint lawsuit two women from Windsor and Milton, Ont., claim they were strip-searched in an inappropriate manner while

travelling together across the Ambassador Bridge on March 5, 2010 to attend a concert.

They allege the guards put their fingers into their anuses and vaginas, and fondled each of their bare breasts "in a prolonged, deliberate manner."

Thomas Wienner, a Rochester, Mich.-based lawyer, who represents all three women, said he believes there could be more victims.
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Weather suits Winnipeg to a tee

A golfer drives a ball at Shooters Golf Course in Winnipeg on Wednesday. The course opened its driving range early as the Prairies are currently experiencing a heat wave. Winnipeg was seeing temperatures in the low teens — far from its usual below-zero — with a high of 22 C expected for Friday. COURTESY OF CHRIS DIA

Quebec politics

PQ raises concerns over halal meat

The Parti Québécois is sounding the alarm bell over an Islamic food ritual, calling slaughter for halal meat an affront to the rights of animals and the values cherished by Quebecers.

The pro-independence party declared it is worried that mainstream companies are selling the meat, without any labelling, to unsuspecting customers.

Not to be outdone, the fledgling Coalition For Quebec's Future concurred consumers should have the right to choose which product they buy and halal products must be labelled. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Scandal

Staffer too sick for Wikileaks probe

Ex-Liberal staffer Adam Carroll, who quit after posting a Tory MP's divorce details online, said he was too sick to appear before a House of Commons committee Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Murdoch son says he didn't lie



News Corp. executive James Murdoch, pictured here during his second appearance before British parliamentarians investigating the country's phone hacking scandal last November. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS / PARLIAMENTARY UNIT VIA APTN

News Corp. executive James Murdoch acknowledged Wednesday that he could have done more to get to grips with the phone hacking scandal that has rocked Britain.

Murdoch's admission came in a seven-page letter written to British parliamentarians investigating the scandal. In it, he repeated his insistence that he didn't know the extent of the illegal behaviour at his now-defunct News of the World tabloid newspaper, saying that the details had been hidden from him by members of his staff.

"It would have been better if I had asked more questions," Murdoch told the House of Commons' media

committee. "However the truth is that incomplete answers and what now appear to be false assurances were given to the questions that I asked."

Murdoch has already appeared twice before lawmakers, who grilled him about what he knew about the scandal and alleged attempts to conceal evidence.

Murdoch was the one who signed off on a substantial settlement to one of the first known victims of the practice. The company's former in-house lawyer has said the payoff was aimed at keeping a lid on the scandal, but Murdoch says he had no knowledge of wider wrongdoing

and was merely following expert advice.

Critics say that Murdoch was either in on the cover up or too incompetent to realize what he was agreeing to, with lawmaker Tom Watson famously accusing Murdoch of being "the first mafia boss in history who doesn't know he's at the head of a criminal enterprise."

In his letter, Murdoch accused his former lieutenants of working behind his back, acting without his authorization, and giving inconsistent testimony. "I have not misled Parliament," he said. "I did not know about, nor did I try to hide, wrongdoing."

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Murdoch's letter

What James Murdoch wrote in his letter to British Parliament about the phone hacking scandal:

- Hidden.** Murdoch says his staff concealed the extent of illegal activities at tabloid newspaper News of the World.
- More could have been done.** He says he could have asked more questions.
- Innocent.** In the letter he writes that he did not try to hide wrongdoing.

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Public outraged over suicide of girl forced to marry her rapist

Morocco. Local law pushed victim to marry rapist to escape prosecution and preserve her family's "honour"

The case of a 16-year-old girl who killed herself after she was forced to marry her rapist has spurred outrage among Morocco's Internet activists and ignited calls for changes to the country's laws.

An online petition, a Facebook page and countless tweets expressed horror over the suicide of Amina Filali, who swallowed rat poison on Saturday to protest her marriage to the man who raped her a year earlier.

Article 475 of the Moroccan penal code allows for the "kidnapper" of a minor to marry his victim to escape prosecution, and it has been

used to justify a traditional practice of making a rapist marry his victim to preserve the honour of the woman's family.

Abdelaziz Nouaydi, who runs the Adala Association for legal reform, said a judge can recommend marriage only in the case of agreement by the victim and both families.

"It is not something that happens a great deal — it is very rare," he said, but admitted that the family of the victim sometimes agrees out of fear that she won't be able to find a husband if it is known she was raped.

The marriage is then pushed on the victim by the families to avoid scandal, said Fouzia Assouli, president of Democratic League for Women's Rights.

In many societies, the loss of a woman's virginity outside of wedlock is a huge stain of honour on the family.

In many parts of the Middle East, there is a tradition

Response

"Amina, 16, was triply violated, by her rapist, by tradition and by Article 475 of the Moroccan law."

Activist Abadila Maaelaynine, in a tweet

whereby a rapist can escape prosecution if he marries his victim, thereby restoring her honour. There is a similar injunction in the Old Testament's Book of Deuteronomy

Morocco updated its family code in 2004 in a landmark improvement of the situation of women, but activists say there's still need for improvement.

In cases of rape, the burden of proof is often on the victim and if she can't prove she was attacked, a woman risks being prosecuted for debauchery.

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Walking on water

Jesus ad stokes controversy

Energy-drink maker Red Bull said Wednesday it has dropped an advertisement in South Africa after an outcry from both Christians and Muslims for its portrayal of Jesus Christ.

South Africa's Muslim Judicial Council warned of consequences of "secular extremism" against any religious faith.

The television cartoon implies Jesus walked on water because he had been invigorated by a miraculous energy drink and knew where there were hidden rocks to tread on.

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Punks vs. Putin

Punk singers to remain in jail

A Russian court ordered two female punk rockers to remain in jail Wednesday for praying to the Virgin Mary to deliver the nation from Vladimir Putin at a surprise show.

Five members of the band Pussy Riot briefly seized the pulpit of Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral in late February to chant "Mother Mary, drive Putin away."

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Deep sea recovery mission

Rescue workers and divers in Bangladesh on Wednesday pulled scores of bodies from the wreckage of a ferry that sank after being hit by an oil barge, as the death toll rose to 112. The packed Shariatpur 1 vessel, carrying about 200 passengers, capsized in the early hours of Tuesday morning after a collision with the barge in the Meghna river. STRDEL/GTET IMAGES

Proposed bill targets access to Viagra

Men's health. A U.S. senator has put forth a bill that would require men to undergo a medical exam before being prescribed drug

An Ohio state senator says she only wants to look out for men's health — the way men look out for women's

— by introducing a bill that would require Viagra users to first get medical exams and affidavits of impotency from their partners.

"This isn't about restricting it," Democrat Nina Turner explained to the Toronto Star on Wednesday. "We are purely looking out for men's health and their well-being so they fully understand their options."

By men, she particularly

Looking out for men?

"The men in our lives generously devote time to fundamental female reproductive issues — the least we can do is return the favour."

U.S. Sen. Nina Turner

means the conservatives behind the sudden uproar about birth control and abortion in the United States.

It is crucial that we take

the appropriate steps to shelter vulnerable men from the potential side effects of these drugs," said the Cleveland Democrat. "I see birth control,

abortion and Viagra as all part of reproductive health."

Bill 307 would require a man who wanted a prescription for erectile dysfunction to "have a long conversation with a sexual therapist to determine whether or not this is physical or mental," said Turner.

Republican state legislators have used options and risks as their rationale for restricting access to birth control and abortion. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Bill 307 would restrict access to Viagra. TOBY TALBOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Protesters allowed to stay

Occupy New Haven activists Jillian Tupper, left, and Bernadette DeLuca of Hamden react to news they don't have to vacate their camp on the Green in New Haven, Conn., Wednesday. A federal judge in Bridgeport granted an injunction Wednesday that will allow protesters to stay until March 28 while they fight the city's order to leave.

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Backlash. Principal resigns after anti-gay, anti-abortion assembly

The principal of an Iowa secondary school that allowed members of a Christian rock band to espouse their anti-gay, anti-abortion views while showing students images of fetuses that had apparently been aborted is resigning.

Mike Cooper, who oversees grades 7-12 at the school in Dunkerton, will tender his resignation Monday and remain on the job through the end of the school year. Dunkerton Superintendent Jim Stanton told the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier for a story published Tuesday.

Stanton said Cooper's decision is not related to Coop-

Preaching hate

"They told my daughter, the girls, that they were going to have mud on their wedding dresses if they weren't virgins."

Jennifer Littlefield, parent

er's recommendation that the district invite the band Junkyard Prophet to perform at last week's assembly, and said the plan had been "in the works" for nearly a month. "He simply wants to be a superintendent," he said.

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Sick, sick, sick. SPCA shocked after cat found frozen in a block of ice

Animal-cruelty officers in northern British Columbia are investigating a disturbing case of a frozen cat found in Dawson Creek Tuesday.

"It's a very sick action. I have deep concerns about the stability of anyone who would do this," said Marcie Moriarty, BC SPCA animal-cruelty investigator.

The cat was found frozen in a block of ice and placed atop a BC Hydro box in the Mile Zero Trailer Park at noon.

"The ice block ... was left just a stones throw away from where we found the corpse of a frozen dog in a very similar position and in a Tupperware-

like container in January last year," said Moriarty.

"The first time we weren't able to get any significant leads.... We're hoping someone will step forward this time."

Before an autopsy can be conducted the cat must be thawed. Investigators believe there is blood also frozen in the ice block.

Other than the case of the frozen dog, "in my seven years, I haven't come across a case like this," Moriarty declared.

"The way that it was dropped off, this wasn't an accident, it was a deliberate act."

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Surgery

Drug shortage hits hospitals

A drug shortage is worrying anesthesiologists across the country. They fear they won't have enough drugs for surgery or painkillers.

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Dominica

Quebecer dies on a cruise

A Quebec tourist has died after a snorkelling outing from a cruise ship, say police on the Caribbean island of Dominica. She was Yvette Prince, 61.

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Tori wasn't young enough for Rafferty, court told



Michael Rafferty, accused in Tori's Stafford's killing, is taken from court in London, Ont., on Wednesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Warning: Graphic content. Killer of eight-year-old Woodstock, Ont., girl says boyfriend got upset after kidnap

Eight-year-old Victoria Stafford's killer continued her shocking testimony Wednesday — with a disturbing revelation about her accused boyfriend and the little girl's age.

Terri-Lynne McClintic testified Michael Rafferty — who she alleged Tuesday had raped the little girl — thought Tori was too old.

After she abducted Tori

McClintic's offer

"I would say it was all me, that he had more to lose than I did."

Terri-Lynne McClintic, testifying that she offered to take the fall for Michael Rafferty.

outside a Woodstock, Ont., school, McClintic said, she brought her back to Rafferty's car. He got upset about her choice of a child, she told the court in London, Ont.

"He made a comment that she wasn't young enough," she said.

They drove off with Tori anyway, said McClintic, 21, and the girl kept asking if she could go home, promising not to tell on them.

McClintic is serving life after pleading guilty to first-degree murder in Tori's death. Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

McClintic also testified she told Rafferty she would "take the fall" for him.

McClintic testified: "I said that I would take the fall for everything."

She further told him, "he had a life, a job, things going for him and I was just, I really had nothing," court heard.

"I said don't worry about it, it's OK. It's OK. I'm just an 18-year-old junkie anyways."

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The vulnerable. Tories to crack down on those guilty of elder abuse

The federal government is set to introduce tougher sentences for those convicted of elder abuse.

The Canadian Press has learned that Justice Minister Rob Nicholson and seniors minister Alice Wong are to announce amendments to the Criminal Code on Thursday in Toronto.

The stiffer sentencing provisions were among the Conservatives' promises during the last election campaign, and were also mentioned in last year's speech from the throne.

"Our government will continue to protect the most vulnerable in society and work to prevent crime."

"It will propose tougher sentences for those who abuse seniors and will help at-risk youth avoid gangs and criminal activity," the throne speech stated.

In the rare instance when someone is convicted of abusing an elderly person, sentences are often lenient, says Susan Eng, who heads up the CARP seniors' advocacy group.

She points to the case of a Moncton, N.B., woman who died from neglect in her living-room chair. Her daughter

Grim truth

Research by academics, Statistics Canada and seniors' advocates suggests that almost one of every 10 older Canadians experiences some form of abuse.

Much of the abuse goes unreported. Statistics Canada said in 2009 that about seven in 10 crimes against older Canadians are not reported to police, mainly because victims didn't think they needed help.

pledged guilty to failing to provide the necessities of life, but was granted day parole after serving eight months of her four-year sentence.

"Currently, there is no cohesive strategy for dealing with elder abuse in Canada or bringing to light the pervasiveness of the problem," says a recent report by CARP.

By imposing stiffer jail terms on offenders, the federal government is sending a signal to other levels of government and to police that elder abuse needs to be taken more seriously, Eng added.

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Switzerland tour bus crash kills dozens

Death. Some 200 rescuers called to scene of accident after bus slams into concrete wall

A tourist bus slammed head-on into a concrete wall in a Swiss Alps tunnel, killing 28 people, mostly children returning from a ski vacation. Swiss police said Wednesday the vehicle was not speeding and everyone was wearing seat belts.

The bus was carrying students about age 12 from two different Belgian schools when it crashed shortly after 9 p.m. Tuesday night on a highway near the southern town of Sierre, Switzerland.

The horrific accident in the short Tunnel de Geronde left the front of the bus mangled, trapping people inside. Twenty-two school children and six adults including the driver were killed and another 24 children were hospitalized in what the police chief described as a



A woman and child light a candle during a mass held to commemorate the victims of a deadly bus crash in Switzerland, at the Saint-Peters church in Leuven, Belgium, Wednesday. YVES LOGGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"scene like a war."

Belgium flew anxious parents and relatives to the site and called for a day of mourning.

Authorities were still trying to work out how a modern bus, a rested driver and a safe tunnel could add up to such a tragedy.

A Swiss prosecutor said video cameras in the tunnel captured the accident. Olivier Elsig, prosecutor for the canton of Valais, told reporters the children on the bus were wearing seat belts, no other vehicle was involved and it was not speeding.

Speaking at a news conference Wednesday in Sion, the capital of Valais, he said investigators were looking at three possible causes for the crash — a technical problem with the bus, a health problem with the driver, or human error.

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Earthquake. Japan hit by tremors days after tsunami anniversary

A series of earthquakes rattled Tokyo and northeastern Japan on Wednesday evening but caused no apparent damage or injury in the same region hit by last year's devastating tsunami.

The strongest was a magnitude-6.8 that struck off Hokkaido island and generated a small tsunami. Some communities along the northern Pacific coast advised residents to evacuate coastal homes.

A swelling of 20 centimetres was observed in water at the port of Hachinohe in Aomori about an hour after the tremor, with smaller changes seen elsewhere. The Meteorological Agency lifted all tsunami advisories within about 90 minutes.

About 9 p.m. local time, a magnitude-6.1 quake shook buildings in the capital. It was centred just off the coast of Chiba, east of Tokyo, at a rather shallow 15 kilometres deep.

Narita International Airport briefly closed runways for inspection but later resumed operation. Several local train services were suspended for safety checks.

There were no abnormalities reported at nuclear power plants after the two earth-



Residents flee to safety after a tsunami warning was issued following an earthquake in Ofunato, Iwate prefecture, Japan.
IWATE NIPPO VIA KYODO NEWS/
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quakes, operators said. Nearly all of Japan's nuclear plants are offline for safety inspections.

This past Sunday, Japan marked the first anniversary of the massive magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami that left some 19,000 people dead or missing, wreaked widespread damage along the northeastern coast and triggered the worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl. Rebuilding has yet to fully begin in many coastal communities.

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A juicy chicken filet — made in Prof. Fu-hung Hsieh's laboratory.

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Lab-grown meat looks, feels, tastes like chicken

Food revolution.

Biological engineers have succeeded in creating edible meat from stem cells

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

"Let there be animals," said God, and He created chickens, cattle and fish. Actually, it's not God. It's Fu-hung Hsieh, professor of biological engineering at the University of Missouri.

Hsieh makes chicken. That's right: He creates chicken out of nothing — tasty filets that look, feel and taste like the real bird.

"Laboratory-grown meat needs to mimic the appearance and bite of natural meat," said Hsieh. "In the past, researchers haven't been able to recreate the appearance, so consumers wouldn't eat the artificial meat."

But even foodies would have a hard time telling natural chicken apart from Hsieh's new chicken. It's now being produced for use in restaurants.

Hsieh stands at the forefront of a global food revolution. Biological engineers in several countries have recently succeeded in creating edible meat that looks appealing. Earlier this year a Dutch researcher created the world's first laboratory-grown edible hamburger.

"We've made big steps in

How it works:

1 To create an artificial hamburger, steak, or chicken breast, scientists take stem cells from animals and grow them into a 3-D shape.

2 Then they grow the cells into muscle cells. As with natural muscle cells, the cultivated muscle cells "bulk up" into solid muscle bundles.

3 As soon as the muscle cells grow in size, it's important that the tissue is continuously supplied with nutrients.

4 The scientists then create chain ducts, similar to blood veins. "The easiest meat to create is sausage," explains van der Schaft. "It doesn't have to look attractive like a steak."

creating laboratory-grown meat, but the result isn't something I'd eat at this moment," said Dr. Daisy van der Schaft, a biomedical engineer at Eindhoven University in the Netherlands. "Part of the problem is that the gel that binds the cells together contains animal-derived material and actually also material derived from mouse tumors."

Professor Hsieh and his team are now about to create turkey, beef and fish.

"That's very different from chicken," he said. "With fish, especially, you have the additional challenge of replicating many different colours."

If research continues to progress, supermarkets could sell lab meat within the next several years.

Airline workers protest order

Air Canada union workers continued to protest outside government offices in Ottawa Wednesday, after federal politicians imposed an arbitration order that forces the airline to keep flying.

Bill C-33, which passed Wednesday morning, covers about 8,600 mechanics, baggage handlers and other ground crew at Air Canada and about 3,000 pilots.

Labour Minister Lisa Raitt had proposed the back-to-

work legislation on Monday, saying a work stoppage at Air Canada was something the country could not afford. The government had invoked closure on Tuesday afternoon, setting up the final vote in the House of Commons.

But the union representing the mechanics and other workers said Tuesday that the decision to impose arbitration on its talks with the airline eroded labour rights.

International Association

of Machinists and Aerospace Workers executive Daven Ritchie said the bill would "poison labour relations across Canada."

Under the "final offer selection" arbitration process, the union and airline will put forward their best offer and an arbitrator will select one.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where the Conservatives are expected to use their majority for speedy passage.

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Northern boom

North set for future growth

The Conference Board says a global commodities boom is igniting a fire under Canada's three northern territories.

Real gross domestic product growth will collectively top seven per cent in both 2012 and 2013, more than three times the national average.

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Mobile advertising

More ads coming to smartphones

As more Canadians flock to smartphones, advertisers will inevitably follow suit, while trying to figure out how not to be too intrusive.

A recent report from Comscore estimates that as of December 2011, 45 per cent of mobile phones in Canada are smartphones — up from 33 per cent last March. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Succession plan

Investors seek Berkshire disclosure

A group of Berkshire Hathaway investors from the AFL-CIO wants to require the company to reveal Warren Buffett's successor.

The union wants to require the company to disclose a written succession plan that includes the criteria for the next chief executive.

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Wireless market. Foreign investment restrictions lifted for telecom firms

Ottawa moved Wednesday to level the wireless playing field

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by placing limits on the coming wireless spectrum auction and lifting foreign-investment limits on small telecom firms in an effort to boost competition.

Industry Minister Christian Paradis says the new measures will allow new wireless carriers into the market and foster greater competition in the telecom industry after the auction expected next year.

"We want to have a fourth player, wherever you are in the country," Paradis said.

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Members of the Renaud family play on their wireless devices as Minister of Industry Christian Paradis makes an announcement in Russell, Ont., on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Wall Street. Goldman Sachs exec resigns with scathing NYT op-ed

An executive director at investment giant Goldman Sachs resigned Wednesday by way of a scathing op-ed in the New York Times, decrying a work environment he described as "toxic and destructive" and where employees systematically try to come up with ways to fleece their clients.

Greg Smith's editorial firebomb is certain to renew debate in the United States about how much Wall Street has truly changed four years after shady lending practices



Goldman Sachs' headquarters in N.Y.C. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

by investment firms resulted in a widespread financial meltdown. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vehicle sales on the rise

Canadian sales of new cars and trucks opened the year on a resoundingly positive note, but may have fallen off last month, Statistics Canada suggested Wednesday.

The federal agency — which collects data on monthly retail sales in dollars and in units of new vehicles sold in Canada — found a 15.4 per cent rise in vehicles sold in January to 153,623 units from 133,146 units sold in December.

The data indicates sales rose at the fastest pace in more than 15 years in Janu-

ary, economist Robert Kavcic said Wednesday in a report by BMO Economics.

And while sales are likely to dip in the short term, the industry is headed in the right direction, he said.

"January's growth was largely the result of inventories becoming available after the auto-sector supply-chain was disrupted last year," he said.

"Sales rose across the country, with Ontario and Quebec seeing the biggest increases."

Interest rates remain at low levels, making auto



Car sales hit a 15-year high in January. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

loans cheap and a spike in gasoline prices has also pushed some drivers to showrooms in search of more fuel-efficient vehicles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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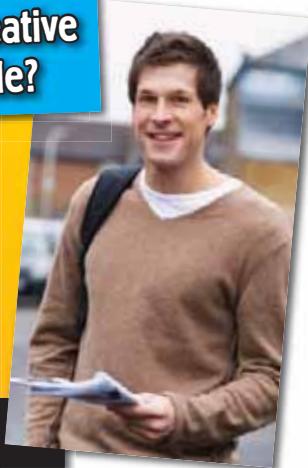
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Ke\$ha, the face of the seal protest.
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As “pop” “super” “star” Ke\$ha throws her weight (90 pounds) behind the fight against the Atlantic Canadian seal hunt, the question must be asked: Who spoke for the seals before pop culture sucked?

Every year there's some sort of celebrity who clubs us over the head with the message that Newfoundlanders and Maritimers are barbarians for taking part in a tightly controlled hunt of sea mammals (horror!).

There's been Pamela Anderson, MacGyver, an America's Top Model host, and generally just a cavalcade of Z-listers who need something to do now that there's no such thing as Hollywood Squares.

What the \$#%!
And this year there's Ke\$ha, trying to \$ave the \$eals, despite an apparent shortage of funds which keeps her from replacing the S on her keyboard.
You can make an argument that Paul McCartney has been the exception, but a) he spoke out because of his wife/master Heather Mills (who could pay the sealers' wages with her alimony) and b) McCartney wrote Simply Having a Wonderful Christmastime, which is the sonic equivalent of a seal being strangled.

And this year there's Ke\$ha trying to \$ave the \$eals despite an apparent shortage of funds that keeps her from replacing the S on her keyboard. The irony in this case being that her music can kill surrounding animal and plant life at 100 paces.

All celebrity-bashing aside, there are only a couple of reasons why people care about the seal hunt.

First and foremost, seals are so cute they're basically children's toys with intestines. The acceptability of animal slaughter is based entirely on how adorable a species is. That's why you never see a supermodel on the ice floes promoting the Save the Flounder foundation.

The second reason is that seals are killed for one brief period each year, which by definition makes it news. No media outlet covers the bloody slaughter of cows, chicken and sheep because it's 365, 24-7, and budgets these days don't allow that kind of in-depth reporting.

I feel particularly bad for the cow. It's dopey-looking and is killed by the tens of millions. That's why many celebrities have posed for those Got Milk? ads. Think about that. Famous people pose with the food made for the cows' children smeared on their face, all with a big smile. Barbarians.

If you're a vegetarian, cool, add the seal hunt to the list of things that offend your sensibilities. But if you like steak, chicken or lobster, then you're a hypocrite, and possibly a big, fat one.

I just looked it up, and Ke\$ha is a vegetarian, so I guess she's off the hook. The seal hunt is a heated discussion, but I'm always up for differing, honestly held opinions.

I call a truce, Ke\$ha. If we're ever in Newfoundland at the same time, let's go clubbing.



Pamela Anderson doesn't wear fur. She doesn't wear much of anything, actually.
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Hotdog diplomacy



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Home-court advantage

U.S. and U.K. bond over hotdogs

DAYTON, OHIO. U.S. President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron take a break with hotdogs at a college basketball game.

Cameron and wife, Samantha, are on a three-day visit to the United States. A “sports-fan-in-chief,” Obama has his own basketball court in the White House premises.

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“It’s fast, it’s pretty fast and furious. It’s hard to follow sometimes exactly who’s done what wrong.”

David Cameron
On the basketball game he attended.

Point guard

“David Cameron is going to teach me the rules of cricket.”

Barack Obama
After Cameron admitted Obama had to explain the rules of basketball.

Three-pointer

Their wives promote health

HEALTH. While the president and prime minister were busy scarfing down unhealthy food, their respective wives — Michelle Obama and Samantha Cameron — attended an Olympics-themed event in Washington, D.C., for kids to highlight the London 2012 Games and Mrs. Obama's anti-obesity campaign.

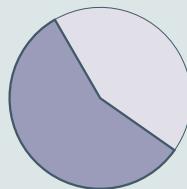
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In brief

Hollywood tries to Bully AMA

More Hollywood heavyweights, including Johnny Depp, are joining the call for a lower rating on the teen-focused documentary *Bully*. Lee Hirsch's documentary on bullying in American schools has been rated R for language. Distributors appealed the decision, but it was upheld by the Motion Picture Association of America, which oversees movie ratings. In Canada, provinces which have already rated the documentary have given it a PG rating.

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On the Web



American Idol' finalist among top 12 tweets that he's off the show



Actors Amy Shostak and Julian Faid cutting up the crowd during an improv performance. RAPID FIRE THEATRE

Breaking the improv mould

BONFIRE changing up the format to challenge actors. New format unlike any other improv shows



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When I think of improv, I think of actors taking a few audience suggestions and then making people laugh for the rest of the night. I always assumed there wasn't really

any way to prepare since the whole idea of improv is to be spontaneous. But, after chatting with Rapid Fire Theatre's Creative Director Amy Shostack, who is busy planning the company's first BONFIRE festival, I got an unexpected glimpse into what really goes into making improv a hit.

"Right now we are in mad rehearsal mode," says Shostack.

I stop her.

"But, how do you rehearse for unpredictable audience suggestions?" I ask sheepishly aware of my exposed lack of improv education.

Shostack enthusiastically explains the cast prepares as

Festival info

- Festival runs April 10 – 20
- All performances are at Varscona Theatre (10329 83 Ave NW)
- Festival passes are \$25 and get you into eight shows

she says. "When you first start improv, it's horrifyingly scary. That fear turns to excitement and it's that adrenaline rush that has performers looking for new ways to get that rush."

Shostack says the theatre group wanted to mix things up while departing slightly from their annual Improvaganza event.

"In June, we bring artists in from all over the world, which is great but we wanted to do something different and show our own people doing their thing," she says.

With that, BONFIRE was born. The concept spurred the cast to bring forward ideas they've always wanted to try

on stage.

One performance will even feature visual artists painting while jazz musicians play during the show.

"Improv in Edmonton has been the same for a long time," explains Shostack. "We are excited to bring shows and styles this city hasn't experienced yet."

For starters, BONFIRE festival focuses on long form improv. Unlike short improv, which sees performances chopped into multiple, unrelated scenes, long form is connected by narrative, and even the imagination of the audience. Visit rapidfiretheatre.com for more information.

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Co-writer/co-directors Mark Duplass, left, and Jay Duplass on the set of their film *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*, from Paramount Pictures and Indian Paintbrush. HANDOUT

Brothers with the pen and the lens

Q&A. Metro chats with one half of the creative team behind new film *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*



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Filmmaker brothers Jay and Mark Duplass do everything together — write, direct, conduct interviews.

So we took it as a rare treat when, due to a schedul-

ing conflict, we got to interview Jay on his own for their new film, *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*.

But if you're looking for simmering sibling tensions, don't get your hopes up. The quieter Duplass Brother passed on the opportunity to badmouth Mark.

Where did the story for this film come from?

We actually wrote a short film in 2003. It wasn't titled anything, we just wrote a very short film about this character and it was about him in his basement apart-

ment.

It was inspired by the character, someone who is totally obsessed with the concept of destiny, their place in the world, their connection to their destiny, signs leading from one place to the next — potentially smoking marijuana.

And the concept was that we would take this person and thrust them in the world. And actually make them interact with the real world and some point and hopefully it would be funny.

It is funny, but it's also a very realistic, dramatic film. Now that we have made a few films, we're realizing that a lot of times what we do is we start in on the comedic side of things — and I think that's how we experience characters like Jeff in our own life.

You see a guy like Jeff at the supermarket, you're probably going to tap your spouse and giggle about the guy who is smelling the fruit a little too long.

But you get to know this person — they have dreams, they have hopes and they probably have a dark side. They probably have a really dark side if they are in that position where they're smelling fruit for too long, you know?

Where do you get the ideas for your films usually?

Mark and I have always sat in airports and in our apartments and told each other stories about these really embarrassing, cringe-worthy things that we've done in our relationships or that some friends of ours has done,

and we'll be like, "Oh, that's awful."

It's very dramatic. And then we'll start giggling about it. And I now know that that's what we're doing in our movies. We're relating insanely specific and realistic things that happen between people and cringing about it and giggling about after. It's obvious now that that's what Mark and I have uniquely to offer the world, but that was such a painful, long-term process of finding that. We are terrified of looking out and looking at other filmmakers. We are completely focused on just staying within ourselves and staying within our peer group.

You've been brothers your whole lives, but when did you start creating together?

We've been creating together since Mark was born. We just grew up in a very creative family. We're just kind of from a middle-class New Orleans family, and my dad's a lawyer, my mom took care of us and now she does retail.

But when we were growing up, we baked, we made stained glass out of plastic Mardi Gras beads — and probably contaminated ourselves the whole way through. We did make movies with the giant VCR with the VTR attached, the separate unit. I would carry the camera and Mark would have to lug the VTR. We were in bands together.

So we've always made things and we've always functioned as a unit. You have to put credits up there, but Mark and I just make stuff.

Television. Judd's 'great European adventure'



Missing, which stars Ashley Judd, premieres Thursday on CTV. HANDOUT

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Ashley Judd says the decision to return to TV with the spy drama *Missing* didn't come easily.

"There was a lot of hesitation. I was really torn right up until I decided to do it," says Judd, who is best known for such big screen movies as *Kiss The Girls* and *Double Jeopardy*.

"But part of what attracted me to this project was the premise — which was very simple and compelling. I'm a mother looking for her missing child."

Which is true. To a point. In *Missing*, Judd does indeed play Rebecca Winston, a middle-aged widow who is horrified when her son goes missing while vacationing in Europe.

But when the authorities prove no help, Winstone heads to Europe, where she quickly reveals her past life as a CIA operative who can kick some serious butt when things turns deadly.

"I only get back involved with the CIA so I can find my son. But to my great dismay, I start to get pulled back into that old life."

Missing is also something of an international production with episodes set in

such exotic locales like Rome, Paris, Dubrovnik, and Istanbul. The international cast includes Sean Bean, Keith Carradine, and Canada's Lothaire Bluteau.

"We didn't shoot in Burbank. There's very little green screen and minimal interiors," says Judd, who last graced the small screen in the early 1990s with *Sisters*.

"The whole point is that we're taking North Americans on this great European adventure and making TV for the world."

Judd says prepping for the show's energetic fight scenes involved little more than a few weeks of yoga.

"I have some background in it. And I had an amazing fight choreographer. For whatever reason, I'm good at it. I'm a natural. I like it," she laughs.

Besides acting, Judd has devoted a lot of her time in recent years to furthering her education. She recently completed a Masters in Public Administration at Harvard.

"It's really fun to go back as a grownup with life experience and to look through the course catalogue and think — what do I really want to learn and study?" *Missing* premieres Thursday on CTV.

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Case closed ... Gillian Anderson admits to having lesbian affair

X-Files star Gillian Anderson confirms to Out magazine that she's no stranger to same-sex romance.

"I was in a relationship with a girl for a long time when I was in high school," the 43-year-old actress says, adding that she had additional flings with other women.

"You know, I'm old enough that I can talk about that." Anderson acknowledges that the dalliances might have had a bigger impact on her had they played a bigger role in her romantic life.

"If I had thought I was 100 per cent gay, would it have been a different experience for me?" she wonders.

"It's possible that my attitude around it came, on some level, from knowing that I still liked boys."



Gillian Anderson GETTY IMAGES

Lawrence tried to squash beef before it became an issue

Jennifer Lawrence isn't in a hurry to make any enemies in Hollywood, so when a tabloid story suggested she was feuding with Twilight star Kristen Stewart, the Hunger Games star did everything she could to quash it before it kicked off.

"There were all these like, fake quotes from me that were actually hilarious. Some of them were from my 'pal' and 'sources,'" Lawrence tells Access Hollywood.

"Then I was like, 'Oh my God. If she reads this, what if she thinks it's true?' I just shot her an email, and was like, 'Hey, can't wait to see more as this feud unfolds!'"

Stewart, no stranger to being tabloid fodder, took it in stride.

"She wrote me back," says Lawrence. "She was like, 'It's fine. Welcome to the world where everything you say gets turned into (something it's not). So, she understood."



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LiLo watch



Lohan could see a hit and run charge



THE WORD

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It's been, what? A hot minute since Lindsay Lohan hasn't been in trouble with the law?

Her days-long winning streak is seemingly coming to an end after allegedly hitting a man with her brand new black Porsche and fleeing the scene in Hollywood late Tuesday night, according to TMZ.

Lohan was reportedly trying to execute

a three-point turn and avoid paparazzi while leaving a nightclub when her car made contact with the manager of a nearby hookah lounge.

The manager, whose knee was supposedly grazed, initially said he was fine and didn't need medical attention, according to paparazzi on the scene. But when he was informed that Lohan was behind the wheel, he reportedly began complaining about being injured.

The man was taken to the emergency room and is said to be considering hiring a lawyer and pressing charges.

Police sources tell the website that they will open a hit-and-run investigation if the man decides to press charges.

Katy Perry ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Tell-all book could net Perry a multi-million dollar payday

Katy Perry has reportedly been flooded with offers to write a tell-all book about her divorce from Russell Brand, with one publisher offering \$3.1 million for the story, according to the Sun.

There's no word on whether she's considering the offer, but some speculate that her

recent silence seems suspect.

"When everything was going well, Katy couldn't stop talking about him," a source notes.

"Since the split, neither of them have said anything — keeping the price of a deal high."



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Four weeks later.

We attempt to make sense of a chaotic month of catwalks

KENYA HUNT

Metro World News in London

NOW

The decorated waist

Inhale and hold. The waist was a major focal point for the fall shows.

Burberry Prorsum highlighted it with little bows, Etro played it up with horse harnesses and pepplums, while Fendi and Acne cinched it with wide, sculpting belts. This is probably the easiest idea to adopt now. Simply grab a ribbon and tie it around any one of spring's trendy, lady-like dresses.

Clothes you can breathe in

Despite all the nipped and cinched waists we've seen all month, there was also an overall no-squeezing-required easiness to a lot of the clothes designers showed for fall.

Basically, you don't have to have the perfect body to pull them off.

Think relaxed and slouchy trousers (as seen at Balenciaga, Dries van Noten and Proenza Schouler, to name a few) and skirts that are forgivingly full and knee length (Marc Jacobs, Rodarte and Rochas are good examples).

So go ahead and eat the bun that came with that hamburger.

NEXT FALL

Dark and moody

The darker the colour, the more on-trend you'll be next fall. Burgundy, oxblood and purple were the colours of the season in New York and London showing up everywhere from Diane von Furstenberg to Jason Wu to Christopher Kane.

And black dominated Milan and Paris — just look at Gucci, Alberta Ferretti, Roberto Cavalli, Givenchy and Yves Saint Laurent for proof. You get extra points if you go dark from head

Huge problems

"Steer clear of any garment that looks like it could eat you for lunch or take up its own seat on the subway unless you are a fashionista with the most advanced degree."

Kenya Hunt, Metro World News

Look-at-me outerwear

Technically, every autumn/winter show is an outerwear show. Coats and jackets are one of those items that women rarely skimp on, so designers like to give plenty to choose from here.

That said, the outerwear reached new heights when it comes to fabric innovation and embellishment — that's a good thing when you consider that the winter coat is the only thing a person really sees on the street in winter.

Our votes for season's best goes to Prada (decorative and ornamental), Alexander Wang (slick, sleek and urban) and Jil Sander (soft, chic and romantic).

NEVER

Anything that appears to swallow you whole

Outsize coats and dresses are having a moment again thanks to Marc Jacobs and Comme des Garçons. But word to the wise: steer clear of any garment that looks like it could eat you for lunch or take up its own seat on the subway unless you are a fashionista with the most advanced degree.

Animals appearing 2D and 3D on clothing

Jeremy Scott attached a giant white unicorn to a black evening dress. And Jean-Charles de Castelbajac affixed life-size toucan heads to the shoulders of tweed suits. But unless your name is Lady Gaga, neither of these looks will go over well in the day-to-day.



Diane von Furstenberg / GETTY IMAGES



Jeremy Scott / GETTY IMAGES



Fendi / GETTY IMAGES

Music à la mode

If the clothes could sing

When soundtracks go right

The playlist for Raf Simons' last Jil Sander show included The Smashing Pumpkins Tonight, Mazzy Star's Fade Into You, and Sonic Youth's cover of Superstar. It was poignant and slightly melancholic, helping to get the audience appropriately choked up for Simons's final bow.

And when they go wrong

Sportmax showed a solid, polished collection. But that's not what everyone was talking about after the show. That would actually be the soundtrack, which was randomly filled with the raunchiest hip hop club bangers including The Ying Yang Twins's notoriously perty Whisper Song.

The Azealia vs. Lana sing-off

It was the month of Azealia Banks's 212 and Lana del Rey's Video Games with their music popping up at Unique, Blugirl, Etro, Tracy Reese, the list goes on. That said, maybe it's time for these ladies to drop a new single?



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Best dressed of fashion month

Anna dello who? Meet the new crop of ladies who kept the street style photographers happy.

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Lauren Smith, journalist



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- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 egg white
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 4 small white fish fillets (about 500 g/1 lb)
- 10 ml (2 tsp) canola oil

Chunky Roasted Red Pepper Sauce

- 5 ml (1 tsp) canola oil
- Half small onion, finely diced
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 jar (340 ml/12 oz) roasted red peppers, drained and diced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sodium reduced chicken broth
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) liquid honey

Fish. If you think healthy eating only consists of bland salads, think again. This recipe boasts a tasty pepper sauce

The soft meatiness of colourful pistachios contrasts with the crisp garlic crust of the fish. Choose catfish, tilapia, haddock or cod fillets.

1 In a shallow dish, combine bread crumbs, pistachios, garlic and pepper.

2 In another shallow dish, whisk together egg white and mustard. Coat fish fillets with mustard mixture and coat in bread crumb mixture.

3 In a large ovenproof non-stick skillet, heat 10 ml (2 tsp) oil; cook fish on medium-high heat for 2 minutes. Turn over and place in a 220 C (425 F) oven for about 8 minutes or until fish flakes when tested

Pistachio-Crusted Whitefish With Roasted Red Pepper Sauce.


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with a fork.

4 Meanwhile, in a small non-stick skillet or saucepan, heat 5 ml (1 tsp) oil over medium heat and cook onion

and parsley for about 5 minutes or until softened.

5 Add peppers, broth and honey and bring to a simmer. Simmer for about 2

minutes or until some of the broth has evaporated. Serve over fish fillets. DEVELOPED BY EMILY RICHARDS FOR THE HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO, HEARTANDSTROKE.CA / THE CANADIAN PRESS

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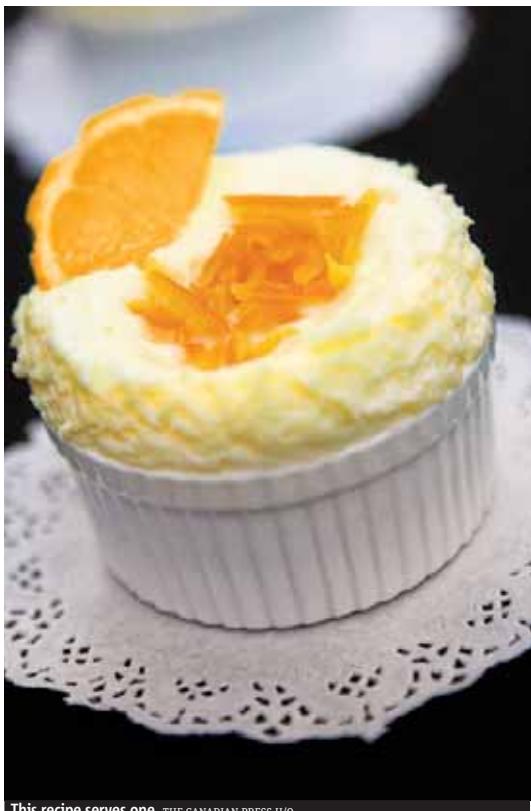
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2 In separate bowl and using electric mixer, beat egg white until firm peaks. Fold into milk mixture until evenly combined. Microwave on High for 1 minute or until puffed and cooked through. Slide out onto a plate and place a slice of orange on top. DEVELOPED BY EMILY RICHARDS FOR THE HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO, HEARTANDSTROKE.CA / THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ingredients

- 10 ml (2 tsp) soft non-hydrogenated margarine
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) skim milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) dried oregano
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely chopped roasted red pepper
- 1 egg white
- Orange slice, for garnish

Strawberry Mini Muffins. Bite-sized morsels make a perfect light dessert

Bite into these mini muffins for a sweet treat with a cup of tea or tuck them into tote-along lunches.

1 In a small bowl and using a potato masher, mash 250 ml (1 cup) of the strawberries; set aside.

2 In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, wheat bran, baking powder, ginger and baking soda; set aside.

3 In a large bowl and using a wooden spoon, stir together margarine and sugar until combined. Stir

Ingredients

- 325 ml (1 1/3 cups) diced fresh strawberries, divided
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) natural wheat bran
- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground ginger
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) soft non-hydrogenated margarine
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) plain low-fat yogurt
- 6 small strawberries



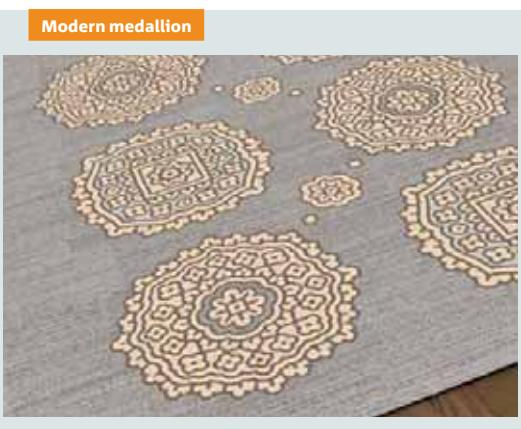
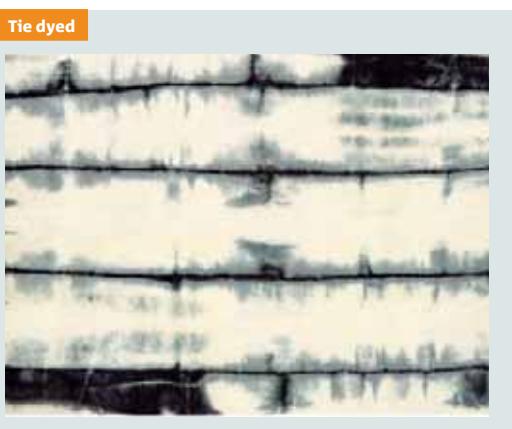
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in egg and vanilla. Stir in mashed strawberries. Gradually add flour mixture and stir until just combined. Stir in yogurt and remaining chopped strawberries until well distributed.

4 Divide batter among 24 lightly greased mini muffin cups. Top muffins with

sliced strawberries.

5 Bake in a 190 C (375 F) oven for about 20 minutes or until tops of muffins spring back when lightly pressed. DEVELOPED BY EMILY RICHARDS FOR THE HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO, HEARTANDSTROKE.CA / THE CANADIAN PRESS



Exotic loveliness: Found Moroccan Boucherouite, \$470/ four-by-seven feet, West Elm. WEST ELM

Damage control

Showing scum who's boss



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Hi Charles,
I love your column. Do you have a solution to get rid of orange soap scum stains on the caulking of shower stalls? I've switched to liquid soap and have tried everything (including

clear vinegar, baking soda paste, Tilex) along with scrubbing, but to no avail. Thanks, Peter

Dear Peter,

What kind of orange soap are you using that causes so much staining to the caulking in your shower?

That's the first thing that sounds scary to me!

Now you said you have tried a baking soda paste.

I want you to change your mixture and use about 3 parts baking soda to 1 part hydrogen peroxide, and leave this solution on the grout/caulking for

at least one hour.

Then simply rinse away. This may just do the trick.

If it does not after everything you have tried, it may mean that your caulking (most likely a plastic base) has absorbed and taken on the colour of your soap.

This means you only have two options left:

1. Re-do the caulking in your shower.

2. Change soap.
Good Luck!

HAVE A QUESTION? EMAIL ASK-CHARLESTHEBUTLER@METRONEWS.CA

We've got your floors covered: Artful and affordable area rugs

Decor ideas. Rugs are all the rage and can make a room pop—why not unroll a little art under your feet?



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Area rugs not only add a decorative touch to a room but can also bring furniture together in open concept spaces, protect hardwood floors from pets and children, muffle noise and be soft underfoot for comfort.

The trend of the hand-spun, hand-dyed rug that celebrates the contemporary craftsman is all the rage in rugs; and not only in the upper price range where most of the big trends usually start.

Similar to how a special painting or sculpture will contribute to a room, a unique

area rug will bring style and personality in a simple space.

Here's a look at some of the fantastic and affordable area rugs following the handmade trends.

Tie-dye

Dyeing old carpets with saturated colour has been a popular way to renew the look of outdated rugs for a few years now. Black, white and grey neutrals are on trend for this season and CB2's hand tufted wool carpet goes through a 36-step process to achieve the groovy tie-dyed effect. Tie-Dye Rug, \$299/five-by-eight feet, CB2 (see above).

Exotic finds

There's no need to travel halfway around the world to an exotic country in hopes of bringing back a souvenir rug. Known as 'rag-rugs' in Morocco, Boucherouite rugs are handcrafted from scraps of yarn for a one-of-a-kind, exotic look and imported to North America. Hand woven from cotton and wool in classic Moroccan patterns. Found

Moroccan Boucherouite Rug, \$470/ four-by-seven feet, West Elm (see left).

Thick and tufted

Not since the all-wool Chinese tufted carpet have we seen artful rugs so thick and comfortable underfoot. Clean lines and simplicity makes the three-quarter-inch thick Chelsea Blue Hearts rug durable and elegant. All wool with shimmering viscose accents helps to give a luxe appeal while absorbing noise and sound in style. Blue Hearts Chelsea Rug, \$299/five-by-eight feet, HomeSav.com (see above).

Modern medallion

It's easy to find a fussy Persian-style rug with the medallion pattern but usually they are outdated in their look and colour. Grey is the colour of the season with simple exotic henna medallion motifs on 100 per cent New Zealand wool gives a modern spirit to an old idea. Korhani Medallion Rug, \$900/ five-by-eight feet, Sears (see above).



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A couple of utilitarian decor myths: It's a cold, masculine look best suited for Alpha males — not true. CONTRIBUTED

Stripped down style isn't just for bachelors and serial killers

Utilitarian decor.

More of us are embracing this style of decor for its clean simplicity. It's all about being understated.

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The utilitarian look doesn't have to resemble a vacant factory floor. We spoke to designer Adrienne Chinn about making hard-edged feel homely.

Putting your interior faith in the utilitarian look has a similar ring to that of joining a particularly strict religious sect. In other words, it sounds spartan, clinical and practical, with little room for creative expression and individualism.

Of course, that's not the case, it being an increasingly

popular trend among urbanites. The reason for peoples' conversion to the pared-down look is "because more people are buying properties in buildings that were once warehouses, pubs or other commercial spaces — the style works well in large, open spaces with an industrial feel," explains Chinn.

No cost to comfort

You might be going for a lo-fi style but that doesn't mean your apartment has to be the interior equivalent of a hair shirt. "It's important to incorporate comfort into a utilitarian style," says the design director of Adrienne Chinn Design. "Put up custom-sized industrial landscape wall coverings next to brick walls or concrete flooring for some graphic color. Dress large windows with some full-length silk curtains. The trick is to add tactile comfort with a utilitarian edge in the design."

Streamline with lines

Meticulously spic-and-span flats can read a little obsessive-compulsive, but the interiors expert sees it differently. "It's a clutter-free, edgy and modern look. Build in handle-less cupboards to stow away your stuff or bring in locker-style cupboards for a streetwise element," says Chinn. She adds, "It's perfect for the bachelor, the couple, or for a young family (lots of room to run around the flat). I've even known a couple regularly roller-skate around their industrial space."

Low-stress living

You don't have to be the fastidious type either, claims Chinn, aside from keeping your place tidy: "Floors are normally wood, tile, concrete or poured resin, which are easy to keep clean. However it's

important to include area rugs to soften the edges of the look."

Old meets new

Just because you live in a period property doesn't mean that your decor has to remain a relic of the past. The expert says, "You can bring elements of the utilitarian look into older properties. Streamlined sectional sofas and modern lighting look great with an old Persian carpet, modern art against a white wall and original architectural features like fireplaces and cornices all juxtapose superbly. It's all a matter of balance."

Let there be light

Industrial looks tend to evoke darkness and a masculine harshness, so it's important to flood the room with light as the designer reveals. "Good light, both natural and electric is vital for the look to work. Try adding decorative accent lighting along with hidden lighting to keep the room feeling airy and not oppressive."

Keep it quirky

There's absolutely no need for a stripped-down style to appear bland.

- Be original, baby.** "Layering textures, such as leather and chrome furniture with long silk curtains, textural or graphic feature walls, will give your space some style clout," describes Chinn. "Mix edgy items with some distressed older pieces like modern dining chairs around a rustic farmhouse table." After all, it's the unexpected details that keep style original.

Insist on a community where “friending” comes naturally.

While some are content with half-inflated kiddy pools, families in Lake Summerside gather at Edmonton's only swimmable, sailable lake. Lucky them!

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This style works well in large, open spaces. CONTRIBUTED

Ceramics make a pretty lovely comeback

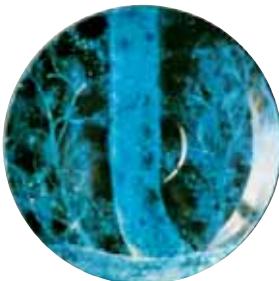
Pottery arts. One-of-a-kind ceramics can add colour and interest to your home – just don't bring them to a Greek wedding party

Ceramics are always a great supporting player on the home decor stage, but this season they're grabbing more of the spotlight.

Today's ceramists are exploring creative textures and finishes, and even the mass market is offering exciting new examples of the pottery arts. From velvety soft lacy tea light holders to chunky, colourful platters, there's something for everyone.

You can choose to feature pottery prominently or enlist it as punctuation to other colours and textures in your room.

A piece with lots of pattern punch can be a conversation starter, whether it was created half a world away by a village artisan or right in your own hometown.



Susan Dwyer, a sculpture major at an art school in Chicago, was inspired by the clean, minimal lines of the city's industrial landscape to create a cool series of vessels evoking factory buildings, water towers and silos. All hand-formed, each piece has a unique organic look that is at odds with, yet complementary to, the manufactured structure it represents.

Amy Adams, the brains behind Brooklyn-based Perch studio, has designed a clever series of stacking cups with stenciled rosettes, flowers, garlands or triangles. Available in black and white or turquoise and white, these have a nice folk-art look and would be versatile little repositories for drinks, flowers or trinkets.

One of the masters of ceramic art, Jonathan Adler, showed his Carnaby collection at the recent New York International Gift Fair. Pieces include the Waves tray and Acid lamp, featuring groovy '70s-inspired graphics.

But Adler also has done a lovely group of nature-themed pottery pieces for which he threw the prototype and Peruvian artisans created the finished product. Motifs include leaves, seed pods and barnacles.

A plate from Leah Piegras's series shows a human esophagus. The collection depicts the journey of food through our bodies, from mouth to final destination, in hand dishes. LEAH PIEGRAS/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



West Elm has Maria Moyer's pretty pierced tea light holders and stunning white orbed vases, which look as if they were born in some far-off galaxy. A percentage of sales of her pieces benefit Oceana, a non-profit marine conservation group. John Newdigate's fun blue-and-white-fish painted platters and fish-shaped serveware have a Japanese vibe.

Boston artist Leah Piegras may have created

the ultimate ceramic conversation piece, however. At the New York fair, her Consumption series of porcelain plates was shown at the Model Citizens booth. For a limited edition produced by Pickard China, Piegras uses anatomical illustrations to draw each stage of the digestive tract from mouth (the tea cup) to, well, the end of the line for food we eat (the dessert plate).

A result of her keen interest in the body and brain, Piegras says her "map" is "a reminder of the processes that are taking place within you while you're eating, promoting an exercise in mindfulness."

Rendered in a blue-black palette that's less realistic than flesh tones, the plates are beautifully odd. At \$750 a set, this would perhaps be better suited to display than dinner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

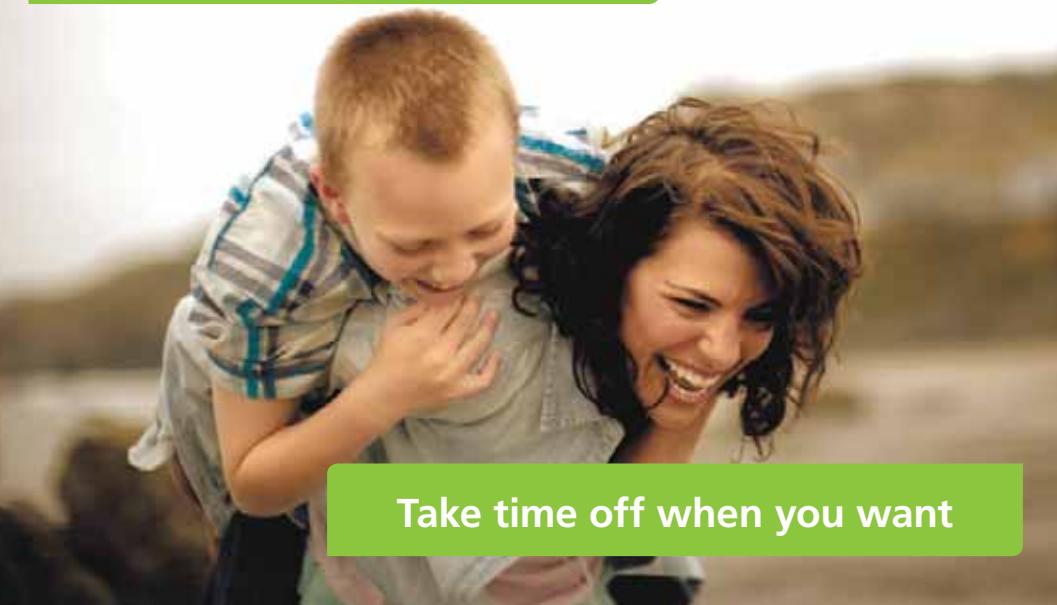
Accent pieces

Ceramics can help tie a space together, picking up elements — a knitted motif or a colour, say — that appear in artwork, throw pillows or rugs elsewhere in the room.

- **Feeling non-committal?** Ceramics are easy to change out when you tire of them.

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SPORTS

Baseball

Encarnacion powers Jays over Yankees

Edwin Encarnacion hit two home runs for the Toronto Blue Jays in a 7-5 victory over the New York Yankees in spring training action on Wednesday.

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NFL

Lions sign Johnson to 8-year deal

The Detroit Lions have signed Calvin Johnson to a new eight-year contract worth up to \$132 million US, making him the highest-paid receiver in the NFL.

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Calvin Johnson

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NFL

Titans execs meet with Manning

A group of Tennessee Titans executives have returned to Nashville with Peyton Manning for a meeting with the free agent on the team's home turf.

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NBA

"I want to finish the season out, and I think we're going to hit our peak at the right time."

Dwight Howard, who had earlier asked to be traded by the Orlando

Despite injuries, Nuge still not out of the Calder race



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A couple months ago, it would have seemed ludicrous to even talk about the Calder Trophy — it would go to "The Nuge," right? But Edmonton's star rookie may not even be the front-runner for freshman of the year right now and his season is almost finished.

No doubt Ryan Nugent-Hopkins is a tremendous talent and a cornerstone of the Oilers rebuild. But Sidney Crosby didn't win the Calder (Alex Ovechkin took it that year) and a host of other greats missed out too, from Steve Yzerman and Nick Lidstrom to Jarome Iginla. The fact is, you can only win it once and you only get one shot.

Because of shoulder injuries that robbed him of games in the middle of the campaign, Nugent-Hopkins lost out on the chance to dazzle via big numbers — he could still be the rookie points champ, but it will take a big push in the final dozen games or so.

Right now, The Nuge still has an excellent points-per-game average; basically he's almost a point-per-game player. But his two closest rivals are



Ryan Nugent-Hopkins battles with the Blue Jackets' Kristian Huselius on Wednesday.

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both two-way players who kill penalties and bring sturdy defensive acumen to the forward position. That would be Gabriel Landeskog of Colorado and Adam Henrique of New Jersey. Landeskog has been a model of consistency for the Avs and their dogged pursuit of a playoff

spot, while Henrique (ironically Taylor Hall's linemate in junior) has centred the Devils' top line with Ilya Kovalchuk and Zach Parise for most of the year.

Both players currently have more points than Nugent-Hopkins, though in many more games.

What the hockey writer voters must weigh now is which of those three candidates had the most impact on his respective team. Missing the playoffs should not be a strike against. Witness Carolina's Jeff Skinner over San Jose's Logan Couture last year, or Chicago's Patrick

Oilers 3, Blue Jackets 0

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins had a goal and an assist as the Edmonton Oilers snapped a three-game losing skid with a 3-0 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets in the battle of the NHL basement on Wednesday.

- Devan Dubnyk made 22 saves to record his second shutout of the season and Taylor Hall and Linus Omark also scored for the Oilers (27-36-7), who won for just the second time in their last eight games.

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Kane over Washington's Nicklas Backstrom in 2008. Making them can be a positive, however, meaning Landeskog's ability to get the Avs into the dance could go a long way.

Not that Nugent-Hopkins can change much right now. Like a pro, he'll play out the string and hopefully get the Oilers some wins thanks to his offence. The young pivot's defence isn't awful and he forechecks well with his stick, but it's not the first thing that comes to mind when speaking of his game. But Calder or not, it's been a great first impression.

In brief

Coach of Knicks steps down

Mike D'Antoni resigned Wednesday as coach of the New York Knicks, whose brief resurgence in a wave of Linsanity quickly gave way to a late-season skid that puts them in danger of even making the NBA playoffs. Assistant coach Mike Woodson will serve as interim head coach. Never able to duplicate his success in Phoenix, D'Antoni was headed to his third losing season since signing a \$24-million US, four-year contract in 2008 that made him one of the NBA's highest-paid coaches.

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GMs ponder shift of power to Penguins

There were a few jealous glances cast toward Pittsburgh GM Ray Shero.

News of Sidney Crosby's impending return to the Penguins lineup left Shero's colleagues wondering how much tougher the path to the Stanley Cup has become as they gathered in Florida for the NHL's general managers' meetings in Boca Raton, Fla.

"With him back, it's certainly going to make it a lot more difficult," New York Rangers GM Glen Sather said Wednesday after the meetings wrapped up.

Crosby is scheduled to

Reaction



"I hope he doesn't play against us (in the playoffs).... He adds a great dimension to their hockey team."

Ottawa Senators GM Bryan Murray
on the return of Sidney Crosby

see his first action since Dec. 5 when Pittsburgh (42-21-5) visits the Rangers at Madison Square Garden on Thursday night. New York

(44-18-7) is currently the top seed in the Eastern Conference, six points up on the Penguins.

However, Crosby is rejoining a Pittsburgh team that has won nine straight games and appears to be peaking just before the start of the playoffs. Adding the best player in hockey to that mix is a scary thing for opponents.

"It's not like they needed help," said Philadelphia Flyers GM Paul Holmgren.

Not only does his team face the Penguins three times before the end of the regular season, they are

also possible first-round opponents.

"Obviously, Pittsburgh over the last couple of years have been a tremendous team," he said. "There was a period of time last year where they had Sidney and Evgeni (Malkin) out and they still continued to march along. They're certainly one of the top teams in the East."

Crosby's absence dates back to January 2011, when he sustained blows to the head in consecutive games and was diagnosed with a concussion. He returned to the Penguins lineup in

November before suffering a setback in December that was linked to a soft-tissue neck issue.

While acknowledging that his team found it easier to face Pittsburgh without Crosby, New Jersey Devils GM Lou Lamoriello indicated that seeing No. 87 back will be a welcome sight.

"It's great that he's back," said Lamoriello. "He's certainly not only a great player, but he's a great personality in the game. He represents the game as well as anybody represents the game."

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	69	44	18	2	5	192	150	95	24-7-0-2	20-11-2-3	6-3-1-0	W2
d-Boston	69	40	26	1	2	223	170	83	20-13-1-1	20-13-0-1	4-6-0-0	L3
d-Florida	69	33	23	5	8	171	193	79	18-9-1-7	15-14-4-1	6-3-0-1	W2
Pittsburgh	68	42	21	2	3	219	173	89	24-8-2-0	18-13-0-3	9-1-0-0	W9
Philadelphia	69	40	22	2	5	223	197	87	18-10-1-4	22-12-1-1	7-3-0-0	W1
New Jersey	70	40	25	2	3	195	182	85	19-12-0-3	21-13-2-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Ottawa	71	36	25	6	4	218	209	82	18-13-2-2	18-12-4-2	5-3-0-2	L2
Washington	70	36	28	3	3	189	197	78	23-10-1-2	13-18-2-1	7-2-1-0	W4
Buffalo	71	33	29	4	5	178	201	75	18-11-3-5	15-18-1-0	6-2-1-1	L1
Winnipeg	70	33	29	4	4	181	197	74	22-10-1-3	11-19-3-1	5-3-1-1	W1
Tampa Bay	69	32	30	4	3	197	234	71	21-11-1	11-19-3-2	5-4-1-0	W1
Toronto	70	30	32	4	4	202	217	68	16-13-3	14-19-1-1	1-8-0-1	L5
NY Islanders	70	28	31	7	4	163	206	67	15-15-1-1	13-16-3-2	3-4-2-1	L4
Carolina	70	26	29	9	6	183	211	67	17-13-5	9-16-8-1	3-3-2-2	L2
Montreal	71	28	32	3	8	188	198	67	13-15-2	15-17-2-1	4-5-1-0	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-St. Louis	71	45	18	1	7	186	139	98	28-4-3-3	17-14-0-4	8-1-0-1	L1
d-Vancouver	69	42	19	1	7	215	172	92	20-9-0-4	22-10-1-2	4-4-1-1	L1
d-Dallas	71	39	27	1	4	188	188	83	20-13-3	19-15-1-1	8-1-0-1	L2
Detroit	70	44	23	1	2	219	167	91	28-4-1	16-19-0-1	3-6-0-1	L2
Nashville	69	41	21	3	4	200	179	89	28-8-3	18-13-1-1	7-2-0-1	W3
Chicago	71	38	25	4	4	213	209	84	24-7-4	14-18-3-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Colorado	72	38	30	3	1	191	193	80	21-15-0-1	17-15-3-0	7-3-0-0	W3
Phoenix	70	34	25	3	8	182	178	79	18-12-2	16-13-1-4	4-4-0-2	L2
San Jose	69	34	25	5	5	189	178	78	19-11-2	15-14-3-4	2-5-1-2	L1
Calgary	70	33	25	5	7	176	193	78	19-9-4	14-15-3-4	5-1-3-1	W4
Los Angeles	70	33	25	5	7	159	153	78	18-13-0-4	15-12-5-3	6-4-0-0	W2
Anaheim	70	29	30	5	6	173	196	69	18-14-2	11-16-3-6	4-5-1-0	L3
Minnesota	70	29	31	2	8	150	194	68	15-14-3-5	14-17-1-5	2-7-0-1	L2
Edmonton	69	26	36	3	4	182	209	59	16-15-2	20-11-2-1	3-6-1-0	L3
Columbus	69	22	40	2	5	161	223	51	13-20-1-2	9-20-1-3	5-5-0-0	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Colorado 5 Buffalo 4 (SO)

Montreal 3 Ottawa 2 (SO)

Winnipeg 5 Dallas 2

Columbus at Edmonton

Phoenix at Vancouver

Detroit at Anaheim

Tuesday's results

Calgary 3 San Jose 2 (OT)

Florida 5 Toronto 2

Chicago 4 St. Louis 3 (SO)

Dallas 1 Minnesota 0

Los Angeles 5 Detroit 2

NY. Rangers 4 Carolina 2

Philadelphia 3 New Jersey 0

Tampa Bay 6 Boston 1

Washington 5 NY. Islanders 4 (SO)

Tonight's games

(All times Eastern)

Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at NY. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at NY. Rangers, 7 p.m.

St. Louis at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Boston at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Nashville at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.

Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Calgary at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

CANADIENS 3, SENATORS 2 (SO)

First Period

1. Montreal, Cole 27 (Nokelainen, Palushaj)

13:45

2. Ottawa, Greening 14 (Michalek, Spezza)

14:11

Penalties — Cowen Ott, Geoffrion Mtl (roughing) 16:44; Cowen Ott, Nokelainen Mtl (fighting) 19:51.

Second Period

No Scoring.

Penalties — Pacioretty Mtl (interference) 0:37; Cole Mtl (slashing) 2:40; Neil Ott (goal-tender interference) 2:56; Markov Mtl (goal-tender interference) 3:41; Foligno Ott (goal-tender interference) 14:00.

Third Period

3. Montreal, Desharnais 16 (Subban, Pacioretty) 0:24

4. Ottawa, Karlsson 19 (Kuba, Spezza) 11:01

Penalties — Karlsson Ott, Eller Mtl (unsportsmanlike conduct) 13:22.

Overtime

No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

Shootout

Montreal wins 1-0

Montreal (1) — Pacioretty, miss; Desharnais, goal; Markov, miss; Ottawa (0) — Michalek, miss; Spezza, miss; Alfredsson, miss.

Shots

Ottawa 14 9 11 3-37

Montreal 9 8 8 1-26

Goal — Ottawa: Bishop (L,2-0-2); Montreal: Price (W,25-26-9). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-3; Montreal: 0-1.

Att. — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

JETS 5, STARS 2

First Period

1. Winnipeg, Antropov 11 (Miettinen, Clit-

some) 2:21

Penalties — None.

Second Period

2. Winnipeg, Kane 28 (Burmistrov, Wellwood)

1:19

3. Winnipeg, Fehr 2, 8:29

4. Winnipeg, Ladd 22 (Little, Wheeler) 9:15

5. Winnipeg, Ladd 23 (Byfuglien, Wheeler) 16:12 (pp)

Penalties — Fiddler Dal (tripping) 5:34; Ribeiro

Dal (unsportsmanlike conduct), Hainsey Wpg

(cross-checking) 10:44; Robidas Dal (delay of game) 15:59.

Third Period

7. Dallas, Eriksson 24 (Ribeiro) 16:29

Penalties — Burish Dal (roughing, unsports-

manlike conduct, game misconduct), Fiddler

Dal (unsportsmanlike conduct), Glass Wpg

(roughing, misconduct) 17:13.

Shots

Dallas 10 13 8 30

Winnipeg 10 13 5 28

Goal — Dallas: Bachman (L,8-4-1); Winnipeg:

Pavelec (W,26-23-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Dallas: 0-0; Winnipeg: 1-3.

Att. — 15,004 (15,004) at Winnipeg.

SCORING LEADERS

G A PT

Stamkos, TB 50 34 84

Malkin, Pgh 38 46 84

Giroux, Pha 25 55 80

Spezza, Ott 29 44 73

Kessel, Tor 34 38 72

Kovalchuk, NJ 30 41 71

Tavares, NYI 30 39 69

Hossa, Chi 27 42 69

Karlsson, Ott 18 51 69

Lupul, Tor 25 42 67

Elias, NJ 24 43 67

Thornton, SJ 15 51 66

H.Sedin, Vcr 13 53 66

Neal, PgH 31 34 65

Eberle, Edm 30 35 64

Gaborik, NVR 28 36 64

D.Sedin, Vcr 25 38 63

Pominville, Buf 22 41 63

Parise, NJ 28 34 62

Eriksson, Dal 21 41 62

Ra.Whitney, Phx 15 46 61

Parenteau, NYI 15 46 61

Hartnell, Pha 32 28 60

Iginla, Cal 30 30 60

Kopitar, LA 21 39 60

E.Staal, Car 19 41 60

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Benn, Dal 21 35 56

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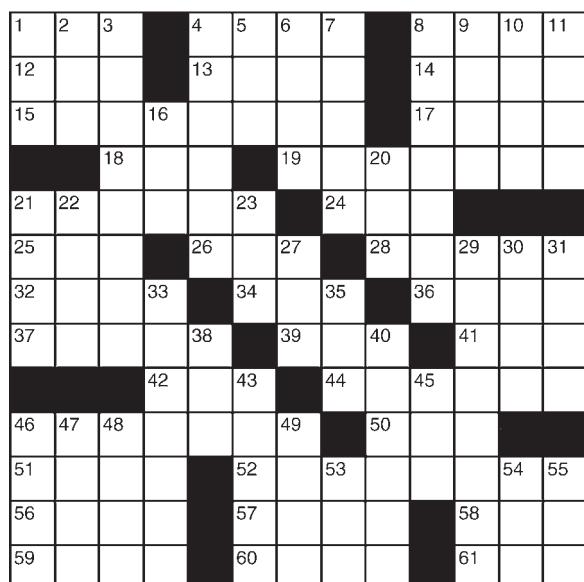
Crossword

Across

1 Chic, to Austin Powers
4 Crooked
8 Implement
12 Tramcar contents
13 Decorative case
14 Unsightly
15 Relinquish the throne
17 Smile
18 Squid squirt
19 Big-time operator?
21 19-Across, e.g.
24 Chart format
25 "Eureka!"
26 Run-down horse
28 Financial advisor Suze
32 Teeny bit
34 Deviate off course
36 Antitoxins
37 Dickinson output
39 Space
41 Water barrier
42 Suitable
44 Literary comparison
46 Last major battle site of WWII
50 Lobbyists' org.
51 Actress Sorvino
52 Suggest
56 Greatly
57 Dazzle
58 Driving site
59 Zilch
60 — a-ling
61 Right angle

Down

1 Bygone bird
2 Sphere
3 Commit (to)
4 Signal, as with a nod



5 Schedule abbr.
6 "Phooey!"
7 Traffic jam
8 They're in for the long haul
9 Shrek is one
10 Hodgepodge
11 Singer Loretta
16 Bankbook abbr.
20 Carnival site
21 Moist
22 Canton's place
23 Shaft of light
27 Choke
29 Treat an ailment
30 Asian sea, really a lake
31 Appellation
33 Spring (from)

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Yesterday's answer

P	S	I	P	I	N	E	S	C	U	D
R	I	D	R	O	U	X	P	I	L	E
O	N	E	I	N	T	E	G	R	A	T
P	S	A	L	M	C	O	E	A	F	
I	R	R	I	T	A	T	E	R	O	L
N	E	O	E	X	I	L	E	C	O	O
N	A	I	L	I	N	U	N	D	A	T
S	P	L	A	T	G	L	A	D	M	E
D	U	D	M	E	A	N	S	I	M	A
I	M	M	I	G	R	A	T	E	F	I
R	O	B	E	A	W	O	L	A	C	E
E	T	A	S	M	E	N	S	R	E	D

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Don't expect rivals to play fairly but that's OK because you have no intention of playing fairly either!

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Let others know what is on your mind. You should really be this direct more often.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You are in an impulsive mood at the moment and common sense is unlikely to be a factor in your thinking. Don't gamble your rep.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Put your own needs first today and ignore those who say you should be more careful. Be more adventurous — all the time!

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. It's not like you to have doubts but something is tormenting you more than it should. Focus on the positive.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you act on every piece of advice you get today, you won't get much done. You might as well ignore it.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Assert yourself today and let colleagues and employers know you have what it takes to earn a promotion. Shine bright.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You may have big plans but do they stand a realistic chance of success? That is the question.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Today is decision day as far as a work-related matter is concerned. Make your choice.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20. You will be in a fault-finding mood today. You just can't keep from pointing others' mistakes.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18. Look for time-saving and energy-saving shortcuts today — there's plenty of them waiting to be used.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You don't care how many egos might get bruised, you have things to say and they cannot wait any longer. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Yesterday's answer

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8	9	1	7	2	6	5	3	4
3	4	7	1	8	5	9	2	6
5	2	8	7	3	1	4	9	
1	3	9	4	5	2	6	7	8
7	8	4	6	9	1	3	5	2
9	1	3	2	6	7	4	0	5
4	5	2	8	3	8	7	6	1
6	7	8	5	1	4	2	9	3

Weather

TODAY



MAX: 8°
MIN: -6°

FRIDAY



MAX: 7°
MIN: 1°

SATURDAY



MAX: 3°
MIN: -4°



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• **Rain Ramble.** why hello, sorry i've been tuned out of here lately i've been trying to stay away from the internet ... the first rule of being stong = dont cry when ppl tease you..lol. i dont know how to make this all better so i guess ill shut up. From Denny

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